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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 3, 2006, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO/0512.C1/JKS for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The pending claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.